

AMENDMENTS

To the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A financial management system including:
presentation means for presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value in respect of a pre-determined period of time, a target value being a proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic proportional in dimension to the value represented;
the graphics are associated with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is ~~visually apparent~~ graphically represented to the user;
the system further including manipulation means for manipulating at least one of the graphics ~~in response to an action of a user~~ by adjusting the dimension of the graphic;
and
modifying means for modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the graphic and the graphic may be manipulated by being moved.
4. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including creation means for creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
5. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including means for generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
6. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including means for storing the financial information.
7. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 further

including means for substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.

8. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the means for presenting the financial information can represent the financial information wholly numerically.
9. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the planned value is a budget and the system further includes means for generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
10. (Original) A financial management system according to claim 9 further including means for associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
11. (Previously Amended) A financial management system according to claim 9 further including means for generating icons representing the time period over which a budget is to extend.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of managing financial information including the steps of:

presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value ~~in respect of a pre-determined period of time, a target value being a~~ proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic; proportional in dimension to the value represented;
associating the graphics with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is ~~visually apparent~~ graphically represented to the user;
manipulating at least one of the graphics ~~in response to an action of a user~~ by adjusting the dimension of the graphic; and
modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the

- graphic and the step of manipulating the graphic includes the step of moving the graphic.
15. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
 16. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
 17. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of storing the financial information.
 18. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.
 19. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of representing the financial information wholly numerically.
 20. (Currently Amended) ~~A method according to claim 12~~ A method according to claim 12 wherein the planned value is a budget and further including the step of generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
 21. (Original) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
 22. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of generating icons representing a time period over which the budget is to extend.
 23. (Cancelled)
 24. (Cancelled)